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Applicants : Lorna W. Role et al.

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For

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action mailed June 10,2003 finally rejecting pending claims 30-34. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(e) is \$165.00, and a check for this amount is enclosed.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-month Extension of Time. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the June 10, 2003 Final Office Action is due December 10, 2003. Therefore, the subject application is pending today and this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$165.00 sum, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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